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With reference to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 17, 2004, please note that Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 62-108678 claims priority to U.S. Serial No. 792,768 (U.S. Patent No. 4,647,975), as shown on the first page of Document No. 62-108678. U.S. Patent No. 4,647,975 was listed in the Office Action mailed October 1, 2003. This information is being provided to facilitate consideration of the previously-submitted Document No. 62-108678.

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